

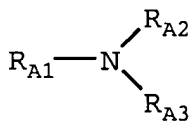
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An inkjet ink comprising a dye, water, a water-miscible organic solvent and at least one compound selected from an amino acid derivative containing an oil-soluble group having 6 or more carbon atoms and a metal chelating compound containing an oil-soluble group having 6 or more carbon atoms, wherein the amino acid derivative is a compound represented by the following formula (A):

Formula (A)

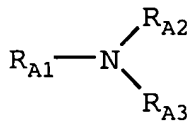


wherein R_{A1} represents an alkyl group having 6 or more carbon atoms, and R_{A2} and R_{A3} each represent an alkyl group, a carboxyalkyl group or a sulfoalkyl group, provided that at least one of R_{A2} and R_{A3} is a carboxyalkyl group or a sulfoalkyl group.

2. (currently amended): A concentrated inkjet ink comprising a dye, water, a water-miscible organic solvent and at least compound selected from an amino acid derivative containing an oil-soluble group having 6 or more carbon atoms and a metal chelating compound

containing an oil-soluble group having 6 or more carbon atoms, wherein the amino acid derivative is a compound represented by the following formula (A):

Formula (A)



wherein R_{A1} represents an alkyl group having 6 or more carbon atoms, and R_{A2} and R_{A3} each represent an alkyl group, a carboxyalkyl group or a sulfoalkyl group, provided that at least one of R_{A2} and R_{A3} is a carboxyalkyl group or a sulfoalkyl group.

Claims 3-4 (canceled).

5. (original): A method of producing the inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 1 comprising diluting the concentrated inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 2.

Claim 6. (canceled).

7. (original): An ink set for inkjet recording method comprising the inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 1.

8. (original): An ink set for inkjet recording method comprising the concentrated inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 2.

9. (original): An inkjet recording method comprising recording an image by an inkjet printer using the inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 1.

10. (original): An inkjet recording method comprising recording an image by an inkjet printer using the concentrated inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 2.

11. (original): An inkjet recording method comprising recording an image by an inkjet printer using the ink set as claimed in Claim 7.

12. (original): An inkjet recording method comprising recording an image by an inkjet printer using the ink set as claimed in Claim 8.